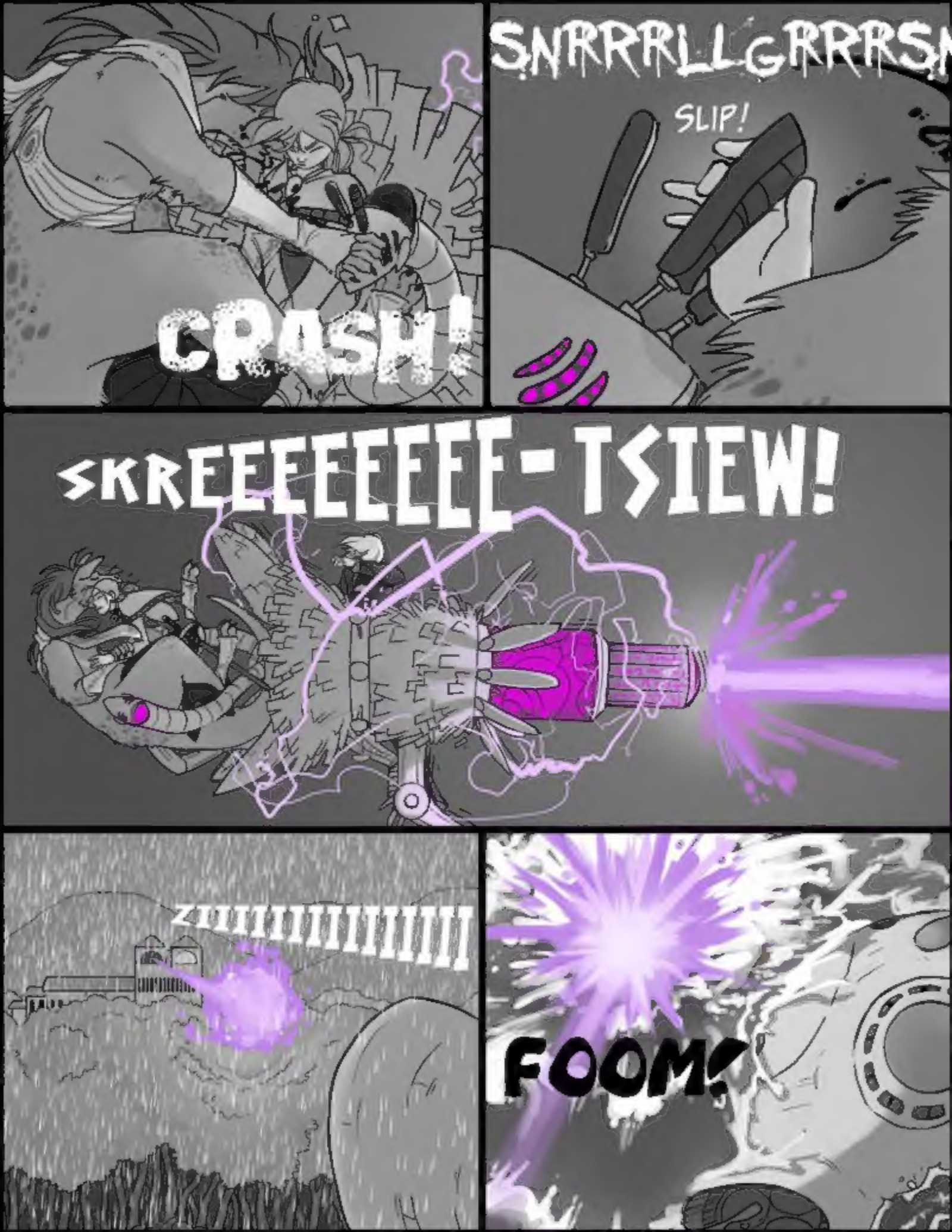
OH, YOU ARE A BEAUTY! AN INTACT HIRAGI 'BLOOMING LOTUS' CANNON!
THE LAST OF THREE. WE HAD TO SELL HER SISTERS TO MAKE ENDS MEET. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO OPERATE HER?
I'M AFRAID NOT. A HIRAGI WEAPON IS AS COMPLEX AS A LIVING CREATURE!
Pardon me, Captain...
We had several of these cannons in the Hidden Island library.
I was one of the few taught how to use them.
CHK CHK
PFF A librarian cannon?!
Does it fire overdue books at people who speak too loud?
tk-tk-tk-tk-tk
J-THUNG-G-G
VHP! whirrrrrr
shk shok shkk chup chkk chok
k-CHUNk! k-CHUNk! k-CHUNk!
JVZZZZ!
PING!
SKIII!
SHAAAAAAAAHHH
PSHHHHHHHH

ZIIIEW!
BOOM!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
DID YOU HEAR THAT BENJAMIN?
THAT MUST BE THE MONSTER.
I HOPE CASSIE AND THE OTHERS ARE ALL OKAY. THEY'RE TOO BIG TO FIT IN THE GOOD HIDING PLACES.
BENJAMIN... I KNOW YOU CAN'T TOUCH THINGS, BUT IF YOU'RE SCARED, YOU CAN PRETEND TO HOLD MY HAND.
THEN MAYBE YOU WON'T BE SCARED ANYMORE.
IT'S OKAY BENJAMIN. "SNIFF". EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

BEAUTIFUL!
BEAUTIFUL!
KSHHHHHH
KKRK-
KZWWWW
A DIRECT HIT TO THE SIDE!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU BURST RIGHT THROUGH THE HULL!
REMEMBER MY DEAR, THERE ARE HEIRS ON BOARD THAT SUB. WE DON'T WANT TO DESTROY IT.
Of course, Captain.
One more shot is all I need to-
SKRIEE!
Oh.


CRASH!
SNRRRRLLGRRRSN
SLIP!
SKREEEEEEEEE-TSIEW!
ZIIIIIIIIIIIIII
FOOM!

TOSS!
THUD
GRRRRR
SWIPE!
WHOK!
SMACK!
THUMP
SNRRLRLL
WHUMP!

SNRRLL
YIPE!
SNAP!
SKREE!
Holly, what are you doing? What's wrong with you!
I COULD ASK THE SAME OF YOU! HOW DARE YOU ATTACK MY GUESTS!
You're hurting me!
IT'S ALL GOING WRONG! FIRST ANTHONY, NOW CASSIE-
OUR ENEMIES ARE ALL AROUND US! THEY ARE HERE! THEY ARE-
Holly!
SLASH!
PANT
PANT
PANT
TRAITOR...
TRAITOR!
No Holly, no! Please!
TRAITOR! TRAITOR!
KRAK-
BOOM!

kR-k-BooM!
NO... NO, THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
SHHH, DON'T PANIC, IT'S OKAY.
I DIDN'T MEAN IT... SHE WOULDN'T LISTEN SO I JUST.... I NEVER THOUGHT...
DON'T WORRY YOUR LOVELY HEAD ABOUT IT, MY DEAR.
SHE WOULDN'T... WH....
WHERE ARE MY GLASSES? AND WHY DOES MY CHEEK HURT?
YOU MUST FORGIVE ME, SNOW. IT APPEARS I'VE HAD ANOTHER OF MY FORGETFUL EPISODES.
WE HAD A SPOT OF TROUBLE WITH THE CANNON. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE SCRATCHED IN THE COMMOTION.
TROUBLE? DID I MISS SOMETHING?
DON'T WORRY, IT WASN'T IMPORTANT.

Pardon me, Captain.
SKRIEK?!
I'm afraid my second shot missed the sub.
They've escaped beyond range of the cannon.
NOTHING IMPORTANT? THIS POOR GIRL'S SHOULDER IS IN TATTERS!
COME HERE CHILD, I KNOW A LITTLE DOCTORING. I'LL PATCH YOU UP.
Thank you. It is incredibly painful.
HMM. THIS IS TROUBLESOME.
WITH LUCINDA WOUNDED AND KNULL AND KURR STILL ON THE SUB, I'M RUNNING OUT OF WARRIORS.
Hey, what am I, chopped liver?!
COMPARING YOU TO CHOPPED LIVER WOULD BE AN AN INSULT TO DOG FOOD.
I DON'T HAVE THE MAN POWER TO EFFICIENTLY SEARCH THE CASTLE.
UNLESS...
SCUFF SCUFF
ZKRRUMBLE!
THE FOLLOWERS OF DRAGONFLY WON'T GIVE UP JUST BECAUSE THEIR SUBMARINE IS DAMAGED.
THEY'LL CATCH UP SOON ENOUGH, BEING THE FOOLS THAT THEY ARE.
THEN FIVE OUT OF SIX HEIRS WILL BE TRAPPED IN ONE PLACE, READY TO BE SNATCHED UP ALL AT ONCE.

CRASH
HOW'S IT GOING DOWN THERE, RILEY?
Well, at least the speaking tubes are still working.
SPLRFF!
It's going to take awhile for me to seal up the hole in the sub. We're stuck here for half an hour or so.
PHNSHH SPRFFFSH
With as much water as we've taken on, I'm amazed we got as far as we did.
BLOOP BLIP
EVEN ONCE IT'S SEALED UP, THE MEDICAL BAY IS A TOTAL MESS. SOME OF THE MATERIALS ARE SALVAGEABLE!
SOME OF THEM.
RAVEN, HAVE YOU FOUND A PLACE TO DOCK YET?
SLOSH!
OH, I'VE FOUND PLENTY OF PLACES TO DOCK! IF YOU DON'T MIND DASHING THE SUB AGAINST A CLIFF!
I THINK THAT'S A 'NO'.

It's weird. If I owned a castle in the middle of nowhere, I'd want a place for subs to deliver supplies.
I LIVE IN A CASTLE, AND OUR PORTS ARE KEPT HIDDEN SO THEY WON'T BE USED BY SMUGGLERS.
I HOPE THAT'S THE CASE HERE.
OTHERWISE, WE'LL HAVE TO HIKE A FEW DOZEN MILES FROM THE NEAREST PORT AND LOSE EVEN MORE TIME.
Well, maybe if we took all the inflatable innertubes on board we could-
Tuff?!
SPLASH!